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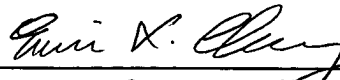
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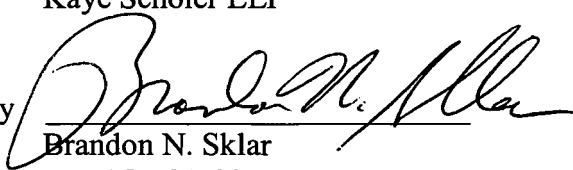
It is respectfully submitted that in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated February 10, 2006, the Examiner inaccurately characterized the claims in a manner that may be interpreted to improperly import a claim limitation into all the independent claims.

When interpreted in light of the specification and the prosecution history, each claim, as a whole, is patentable over the cited references in its own right, at least for the reasons discussed during the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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